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## at1204p\_vertex\_and\_roots... from standard-form quadratic functions (v123)

For each quadratic function, find:

1. The equation of the axis of symmetry
2. The distance of each root to the axis of symmetry ( $w$ )
3. Both  $x$ -intercepts (also called the roots or the zeros), each shown as cartesian coordinates
4. The location of the vertex ( $h, k$ ) shown as cartesian coordinates

Your answers should be in simplified exact form, no decimal approximations. Improper fractions are preferred to mixed numbers.

### Example

$$f(x) = 6x^2 + 4x - 5$$

#### Example solution

1. Find the axis of symmetry. Use the formula  $h = \frac{-b}{2a}$ , where  $h$  is the horizontal coordinate of the vertex. Remember that the vertical axis of symmetry intersects the vertex.

$$h = \frac{-(4)}{2(6)} = \frac{-1}{3}$$

$$\text{axis of symmetry: } x = \frac{-1}{3}$$

2. Find the distance of each root from the axis of symmetry. Use the formula  $w = \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ .

$$w = \frac{\sqrt{(4)^2 - 4(6)(-5)}}{2(6)}$$

$$w = \frac{\sqrt{136}}{12} = \frac{\sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 17}}{12} = \frac{2\sqrt{34}}{12}$$

$$w = \frac{\sqrt{34}}{6}$$

3. The  $x$ -intercepts can be found by adding  $w$  to or subtracting  $w$  from  $h$ .

$$\left(\frac{-1}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{34}}{6}, 0\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{-1}{3} + \frac{\sqrt{34}}{6}, 0\right)$$

4. Find the vertex. We already know  $h = \frac{-1}{3}$ , so we just need  $k$ . Use the formula  $k = \frac{4ac - b^2}{4a}$ .

$$k = \frac{4(6)(-5) - (4)^2}{4(6)}$$

$$k = \frac{-136}{24} = \frac{-17}{3}$$

$$\text{vertex: } \left(\frac{-1}{3}, \frac{-17}{3}\right)$$

## Question 1

For the quadratic function listed below, find:

1. The equation of the axis of symmetry
2. The distance of each root to the axis of symmetry ( $w$ )
3. Both  $x$ -intercepts (also called the roots or the zeros), each shown as cartesian coordinates
4. The location of the vertex  $(h, k)$  shown as cartesian coordinates

Box your answers.

$$f(x) = 5x^2 + 4x - 6$$

1. Axis of symmetry

$$h = \frac{-(4)}{2(5)} = \frac{-2}{5}$$

$$\text{axis of symmetry: } x = \frac{-2}{5}$$

2. Distance from axis of symmetry to root

$$w = \frac{\sqrt{(4)^2 - 4(5)(-6)}}{2(5)}$$

$$w = \frac{\sqrt{136}}{10} = \frac{\sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 17}}{10} = \frac{2\sqrt{34}}{10}$$

$$w = \frac{\sqrt{34}}{5}$$

3. Roots

$$\left(\frac{-2}{5} - \frac{\sqrt{34}}{5}, 0\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{-2}{5} + \frac{\sqrt{34}}{5}, 0\right)$$

4. Vertex

$$k = \frac{4(5)(-6) - (4)^2}{4(5)}$$

$$k = \frac{-136}{20} = \frac{-34}{5}$$

$$\text{vertex: } \left(\frac{-2}{5}, \frac{-34}{5}\right)$$

## Question 2

For the quadratic function listed below, find:

1. The equation of the axis of symmetry
2. The distance of each root to the axis of symmetry ( $w$ )
3. Both  $x$ -intercepts (also called the roots or the zeros), each shown as cartesian coordinates
4. The location of the vertex  $(h, k)$  shown as cartesian coordinates

Box your answers.

$$f(x) = 3x^2 + 4x - 1$$

1. Axis of symmetry

$$h = \frac{-(4)}{2(3)} = \frac{-2}{3}$$

$$\text{axis of symmetry: } x = \frac{-2}{3}$$

2. Distance from axis of symmetry to root

$$w = \frac{\sqrt{(4)^2 - 4(3)(-1)}}{2(3)}$$

$$w = \frac{\sqrt{28}}{6} = \frac{\sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 7}}{6} = \frac{2\sqrt{7}}{6}$$

$$w = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{3}$$

3. Roots

$$\left(\frac{-2}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{7}}{3}, 0\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{-2}{3} + \frac{\sqrt{7}}{3}, 0\right)$$

4. Vertex

$$k = \frac{4(3)(-1) - (4)^2}{4(3)}$$

$$k = \frac{-28}{12} = \frac{-7}{3}$$

$$\text{vertex: } \left(\frac{-2}{3}, \frac{-7}{3}\right)$$

### Question 3

For the quadratic function listed below, find:

1. The equation of the axis of symmetry
2. The distance of each root to the axis of symmetry ( $w$ )
3. Both  $x$ -intercepts (also called the roots or the zeros), each shown as cartesian coordinates
4. The location of the vertex  $(h, k)$  shown as cartesian coordinates

Box your answers.

$$f(x) = 9x^2 + 9x - 5$$

1. Axis of symmetry

$$h = \frac{-(9)}{2(9)} = \frac{-1}{2}$$

$$\text{axis of symmetry: } x = \frac{-1}{2}$$

2. Distance from axis of symmetry to root

$$w = \frac{\sqrt{(9)^2 - 4(9)(-5)}}{2(9)}$$

$$w = \frac{\sqrt{261}}{18} = \frac{\sqrt{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 29}}{18} = \frac{3\sqrt{29}}{18}$$

$$w = \frac{\sqrt{29}}{6}$$

3. Roots

$$\left(\frac{-1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{29}}{6}, 0\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{-1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{29}}{6}, 0\right)$$

4. Vertex

$$k = \frac{4(9)(-5) - (9)^2}{4(9)}$$

$$k = \frac{-261}{36} = \frac{-29}{4}$$

$$\text{vertex: } \left(\frac{-1}{2}, \frac{-29}{4}\right)$$